IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<u>PATE</u>NT Application No.: 09/972,574 Date: August 22, 2004 Applicant: Masato Sakamoto, et al. Examiner: Aristotelis M. Psitos Group Art Unit 2653 Filed: 10/04/2001 Our Ref: 619126-5 B-4325 For: "Carriage Servo Control System...") RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 AUG 2 2 2004

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2004. Entry of the amendments below is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(a) as putting the application into condition for allowance. Please amend the above-identified application as described below. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.